

Auburn Alumni Association, Auburn, Alabama

Coach Shug Jordan Optimistic

Auburn Prospects Bright

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ALUMNEWS SPORTS EDITOR

"THIS is the finest Auburn team I've had," a certain Alabama daily quoted Ralph Jordan as saying. The headline over the September 2 story was even more enlightening because it read "OPTIMISM HIGH AT AUBURN."

On the left side of this story was a quote from Red Drew saying "It'll be a long season for Alabama," with a very pessimistic head. Between these two stories was a national wire release reading, "ALABAMA PICKED FIRST IN NATION." Within this release one had to look long and hard to find Auburn, ranked 79th in the nation.

Jordan sat in his office on this blistering morning glancing from one story to the other. Finally, and it seemed like an eternity, he raised his eyes and looked the reporter straight in the eye with all sincerity and said, "I'm optimistic because I believe in the boys that make up this team."

"I think we have a better team than either the 1951 or 1952 squads. However, I'm not optimistic about winning any kind of championship, but about improving as a team with a better record than previously. I believe that we have the core, or foundation, for better Auburn teams. We have the youngest team of either of the past years, and we'll suffer from inexperience but we do have ability, speed, and desire."

Core of new regime

THIS IS the "core," or "foundation" for which Jordan and his staff have been working. It is the first sign of the rebuilding program. Yes sir, there're 33 sophomores on the 50-odd list of upperclassmen and they're the first "hand-picked" crop of the new regime. This would be questionable unless you realize that Jordan was named head coach in March, 1951, with 120-odd high school boys already signed.

There had been a conscientious job done by the alumni, but the mass of material had not been screened properly, or else there weren't 100 or more capable Alabama boys left when the University, Georgia Tech, Georgia, and the Mississippi schools finished picking their shares.



COACH Shug Jordan discusses with Captain Vince Dooley and Alternate Captain Ed Baker the opening game for the Plainsmen

with Stetson College in Montgomery's Cramton Bowl, September 25. Other Plainsmen who will figure in the outcome of this fall's grid

campaign gather around. This sophomore-studded team is predicted to be "the best combine Jordan has fielded since he took over."

Jordan and his staff did add several boys to the list after they arrived, but with so many coming in and no data on them it was difficult to add many. Today, it is interesting to note that the 1953 roster is composed of only nine of the big mass remaining, plus an additional five added by Jordan between March and September of 1951. It's nice to note that no one was unjustly released—that they eliminated themselves by realizing early that they were not equipped for SEC football.

Brighter days ahead

LAST YEAR was just the opposite. Close screening and hard work by alumni and coaches produced one of the finest freshman teams in many a year, the 1952 frosh, and the number was small. This group represents the foundation, not the first season's freshmen, so now that the project is under construction, we can hope for brighter days.

"We're stronger at all positions with the exceptions of ends and tackles," says Jordan at this early stage of the season. "The tackle

position is the stronger of the two in question and might be as good as 1952 if the reserve strength comes through."

Losing ends like Lee Hayley, Bill McMurry, Jack Langford, and Bill Larimore is too severe a loss to hope for improvement. Sophomore Vince Nardne and junior Jimmy Long get the early season's nod for starting berths, but it's still hoping too much from them to reach the 1952 foursome's heights.

Pyburn a top end

JIM PYBURN, another sophomore, is an excellent receiver but he's light and like Nardone, inexperienced. There're only four more upperclassmen—Jim Lofton, Jim Hall, Jim Crouch, and Bubba Warren. From this entire group of seven, Hall is the only man who caught a pass last season, and he had only 11 of the 78.

Frank D'Agostino, Philadelphia sophomore, has already been labeled the "best tackle prospect we've had" by Jordan, and this burly 220-pounder is terrific. His only game experience was a late quarter

against Mississippi State but he showed enough in the spring and in early practice to be liked.

Veteran Ted Neura is the other choice. He learned to play tackle the hard way—being rushed into offensive action against Maryland with no tackle experience. In fact a week before the opening game he was a defensive guard. He learned the hard way and should be improved.

M. L. Brackett has been given orders to learn both tackle slots as second man so the depth after him is weak. The complexion could change however if the Rogers brothers, Don and George, get "fired up" over this single platoon football. It so happens that neither has ever done much tackling, having been offensive specialists.

Strong guard corps

ED DUNCAN, George Atkins, and Bob Scarbrough are good enough for this league at guard, but it sure would give more sleeping nights for the coaches if Ben Higgins,

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Louis R. Botsai, '15

AN AUBURN graduate who has worked his way to a prominent, top-level position with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation is Louis R. Botsai, '15.

Since he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at API, Mr. Botsai has served well the Westinghouse Corporation for nearly 36 years. Today, he is manager of the Gearing Division (engineering, manufacturing and sales), at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Award of merit

IN recognition of his noteworthy achievements in the field of engineering, Mr. Botsai was this year awarded the "Meritorious Service Award" by the Pittsburgh Post of the Society of American Military Engineers.

The award of merit, given in recognition of Captain Botsai's long and unselfish service to both the local post and the national organization of SAME, was presented by an Auburn graduate, Charles H. Smith, '93, retired executive of the Westinghouse Corporation, and also an electrical engineer.

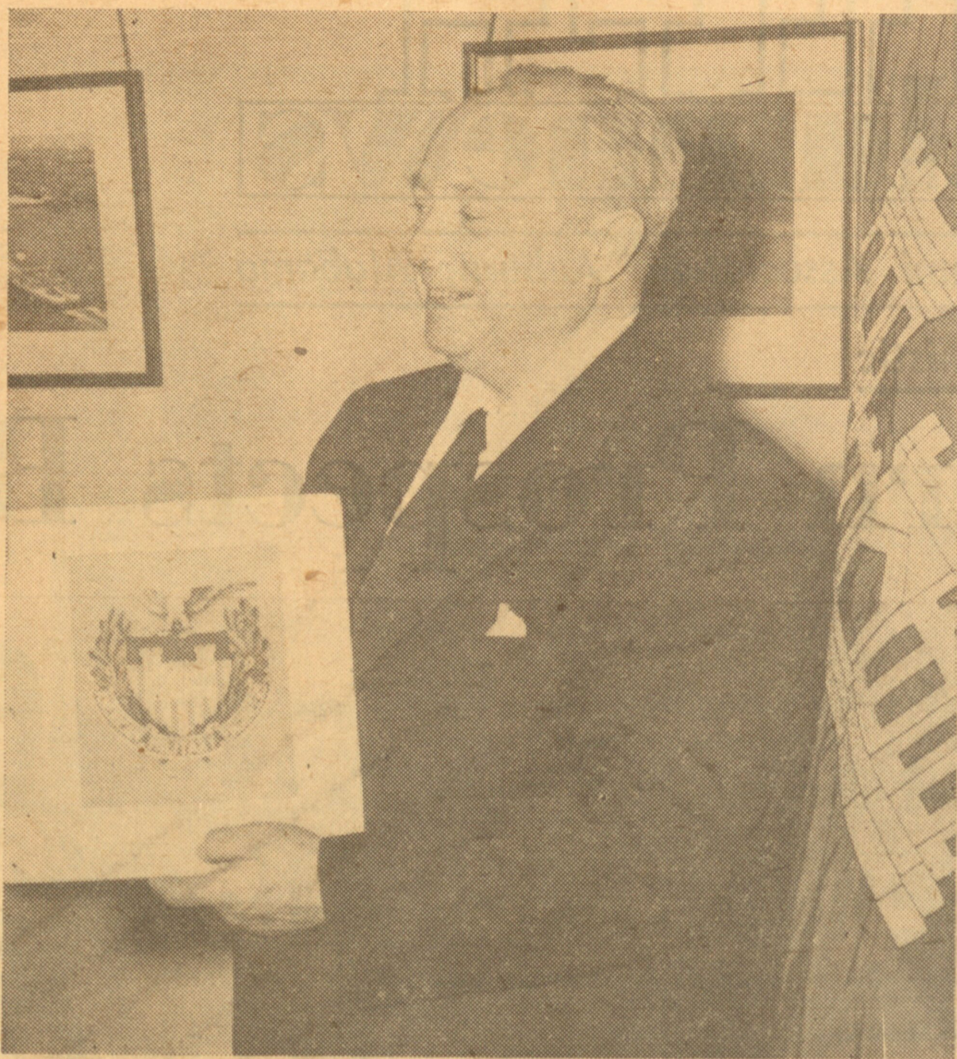
Mr. Smith has the distinction of being the first Auburn graduate to join Westinghouse, having done so in 1894. He was a member of Auburn's first engineering class in electrical engineering, and has seen Westinghouse grow from two millions sales annually to more than a billion.

He made the award to Captain Botsai in behalf of the members of the Pittsburgh Post of SAME, stating that "... Its worth lies in the esteem, respect and appreciation of the members of the post—not in its intrinsic value. We hope its possession will afford you lasting and enviable memories."

Charter member

MR. BOTSAI has been nominated for National Director of SAME, and he is a charter member of both the Pittsburgh Post and the national organization. A classmate of Mr. Botsai's, Col. F. H. Kohloss, '15, is presently Executive Secretary and Editor of the national organization.

Auburn can be justly proud of Mr.



LOUIS R. Botsai, '15, proudly displays the "Meritorious Service Award" he was

Botsai's highly successful career to date, and there is good reason to believe that his advancements in engineering have not ended. If his past work is any indication, then API may expect even greater achievements and success from this prominent son of Auburn.

Botsai's work with Westinghouse was begun in 1915, when following his graduation, he started as a graduate student and test engineer with Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

FROM 1917 to 1919, he was an engineer officer with the U.S. Army Corps of

given earlier this year by the Pittsburgh post SAME for his outstanding work.

Engineers. He attended Second Engineer Officers Training Camp at Washington University at Belvoir Track, Va., and served in the United States and France with the 33rd U. S. Engineers, a construction regiment.

He rejoined Westinghouse in 1919 as service and erection engineer in Atlanta, Ga., and subsequently held the following positions:

General engineer on Steel Mill Electrification, East Pittsburgh; Application Engineer, Steel Mill Electrification, Pittsburgh; Industrial Manager, Central District; Manager, Application Engineering, Gearing Division, Pittsburgh; Manager, Application Engineering, Small Motor Division, Lima, Ohio.

Manager, Gearing Division

IN 1941 he was named Manager, Gearing Division in Pittsburgh, and held this position until 1950 when he was made Manager, Motor and Control Division, Buffalo, New York.

Then in 1952 he returned to his old post as Manager, Gearing Division in Pittsburgh, the position he holds at the present time.

Botsai is a member of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, the American Society of Tool Engineers, and the American Gear Manufacturers' Assn., of which he is a past president.



'17 Reunion

AS The Alumnews went to press, more than 30 members of the class of 1917 had signed up to attend the October 2-3 reunion of the class.

Many others are expected to be on hand, and all Seventeeners are urged to make the journey to the Loveliest Village for this fall celebration.

A very entertaining program has been planned, and this will be climaxed by Saturday's football clash between Auburn and the University of Mississippi in Cliff Hare Stadium.

A banquet Friday night, a luncheon Saturday, a talk by Coach Mike Donahue, Tiger yells led by Neal Johnson, and the dedication of Main Gate: all this and more is on the agenda for the '17 reunion.



Capt. Jimmy Overton, '47

The following story was printed in The Birmingham Post-Herald April 8, upon the return of Auburn graduate Capt. Jimmy Overton, '47, to the Magic City. The Alumnews considers the article, written by Post-Herald staffer Clarke Stallworth, worthy of reprint for all Auburn alumni to read.—Editor

Birmingham jet pilot

A Birmingham jet pilot, who flew 100 missions over Korea in six months, says he "volunteered for everything in sight" to finish his missions and get back to his family.

He's Capt. Jimmy Overton, of 2934, 19th-st., s, who flew F-80 jets on reconnaissance and strafing missions.

Capt. Overton said his major job in Korea was taking reconnaissance pictures over North Korea.

Pictures of North Korea

"I've taken pictures of every inch of North Korea," he said, "from the Yalu to no-man's land."

The Russian-made MIGs that he met are better performing airplanes than any American planes in Korea, Overton said.

"They shot my plane up pretty bad three or four times," he said, "and once I had to land with a dead engine."

Strafed trains, tanks

BUT, he said there are new American jet fighters which will be able to take on—and whip—the Russian-built MIGs.

He was stationed at K-4, an American air strip just north of Seoul, and during his 100 missions, he said he strafed railroad trains, shot up tank emplacements, and strafed ground troops.

After his return from Korea, Overton went to a six weeks course at the Wichita, Kan., Air Force Base, learning how to fly B-47's, America's 600-mile-an-hour jet bombers.

Instructor in B-47s

CAPT. Overton and his family were moving out of their Homewood Gardens apartment yesterday, on their way to Orlando and the Pine Castle Air Force Base, where Overton will be an instructor in B-47s.

Overton served in World War II, flying B-17s as a bomber pilot. He got out of the service in 1945 and went to Auburn, where he was graduated in 1947 with a degree in aeronautical administration.

Before he was recalled into the Air Force in 1950, he worked with the Overton-Kennedy Flour and Grain Co. Birmingham.

Flew 100 missions

HIS wife, Barbara, and their two daughters, Lark, who is 14 months old, and Lee, who is 5, were helping to pack.

The flier held his youngest in his arms. "She's the reason I'm back so soon," he said. "I volunteered for every mission in sight so I could finish my 100 missions and come back to see her."

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Instruction Request Snubbed

“SENATE Committee Gives Light Touch to \$160 Million Educational Bill; Capstone, Auburn Pot Likely To Boil.”

“A.P.I.’s No. 1 Alumnus, Gov. Persons, May Give School \$150,000 Extra By Amending Education Money Bill.”

“Governor’s Reported Inclination to Offer A.P.I. \$150,000 a year extra brings huddle.”

“Legislative Mine Field Confronting Lawmakers.”

SO RAN the headlines. But they, and the accounts beneath them, told only half the story of Auburn’s all-out effort to obtain additional faculty to teach a swollen student body.

The headlines were based on a rumor out of Montgomery that the Governor, at Auburn’s insistence, was planning to hike the college’s appropriation by means of an executive amendment. The hike, so the stories said, would amount to \$150,000. It would be used, they said, to hire teachers to take care of the college’s unprecedented enrollment.

A threatened filibuster in the State Senate led by Sen. Miller Bonner, a University of Alabama alumnus, delayed passage of the education appropriation bill. Feeling among the University of Alabama alumni in the Senate rose to such a pitch, on the basis of the rumor, that passage of the appropriation affecting all the state’s colleges was in jeopardy.

Bill finally passed

ONLY the assurance from the Governor himself that he had made no commitment and had no intention of adding such an amendment in Auburn’s favor succeeded in dislodging the education appropriation bill so that it was finally passed by the Senate.

In view of all the furore occasioned in the state press by the rumor of an executive amendment for Auburn, **The Alumnews** would like to clarify the case for A.P.I.

It is true that Auburn has become Alabama’s largest college in enrollment. But it is not true that Auburn’s division of instruction last year received as much in teaching funds as did the University of Alabama which had fewer students.

Below are quoted statistics from the magazine, **School and Society**, published by The Society for the Advancement of Education, Inc., which point out the relative sizes of Alabama colleges.

Of the 5634 students listed for the University, 478 are students in the Medical and Dental Schools. These schools receive separate appropriations from the state.

‘Bama had 1265 less

COMPARED to Auburn’s enrollment of 6421, the University had 1265 less students on the Tuscaloosa campus than were present on the Auburn campus. Yet the state appropriates \$256,400 more per year to the University for teaching use than it does for Auburn.

In its presentation to the Legislature, Auburn did not seek to decrease the University’s portion, but it did ask that Auburn be given an increase.

This request has been no secret to the people of Alabama nor to the Presidents of the other State institutions. That increased appropriations to Auburn were urgent and that Auburn would work tirelessly for the increases were public knowledge as early as last February.

Representatives from the University and other Alabama colleges were informed and invited to be present when Auburn presented its budget requests before the House Ways and Means Committee and also the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee. Though no favorable action was taken by these groups to increase the funds for Auburn’s division of instruction, Auburn determined to continue her efforts.

It was no secret

ON JULY 14 A.P.I. President Ralph Draughon notified the other state college presidents that because the financial need was urgent his college would go ahead pressing for an increase. At no time in soliciting aid from the Legislature and the Governor did Auburn break any prior agreement with the presidents of other Alabama colleges.

The August issue of **The Alumnews** yelled for help from either or both the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee and the Governor. The Senate Committee changed the bill slightly and sent it to the floor for a vote. No help came. The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments and the bill was turned over to conference committees for the ironing out of differences.

Press rumors false

THE ALUMNEWS had directed its request for aid to the Governor not because he is a loyal alumnus of the institution, but because as Governor of the State it was hoped that he could find some means of meeting the urgent needs of the State’s largest college. Subsequent rumors in the State press would have led readers to believe otherwise.

Actually, however, Auburn fought a losing battle in the Legislature once the ugly rumor was abroad that Auburn was seeking more than her fair share of the funds. University alumni far outnumber Auburn alumni among the lawmakers. In the Senate alone, which consists of 35 members, there are 15 Alabama alumni, plus the President of the Senate. Four

senators are Auburn alumni.

The Alumni Association sent 322 telegrams to alumni asking them to speak to their senators in behalf of funds for Auburn. Response on the part of alumni was magnificent. But the net result, of course, was that the education appropriation bill was passed without any additional aid for Auburn’s teaching division.

The situation remains the same. The University, with 1265 less students than Auburn, receives \$256,400 per year more than Auburn for on-campus instruction.

Penalized for growing

FROM the standpoint of higher education’s welfare, **The Alumnews** would like to see in the future a just and equitable method of determining the needs of the colleges.

The Alumnews believes that Auburn alumni would support wholeheartedly and unselfishly any system which would fairly measure the needs of the colleges and equitably provide such help as is possible.

No college should be penalized because it is growing and serving the needs of the people of Alabama.

Announcing



Ticket Priorities

The 1954 Football Ticket Priority for contributors to the Auburn Educational Foundation will be as follows:

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\$10.00-\$25.00 contribution—Two ticket priority per game

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Signed _____ Class _____

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Institution	Autumn Enrollment			Full Time		
	Grand Total Students			Teaching Staff		
	1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952
University of Alabama	6649	5708	5634	482	650	650
Alabama Polytechnic Institute	6635	5748	6421	402	399	404
Ala. S.T.C., Jacksonville	1451	1190	1472	71	60	70
Ala. S.T.C., Florence	1233	1047	1001	80	61	64
Ala. S.T.C., Troy (est.)	1226	918	1028	48	42	55
Ala., S.T.C., Livingston	729	533	454	38	36	20
Ala. Pub. W. (Montevallo)	704	660	612	70	68	68

Jordan's Best Team

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VINCE DOOLEY—QB



JACK LOCKLEAR—C



ED BAKER—C

Chuck Maxime, and Bill Kilpatrick would come through for depth.

Ole red on the head Ed has more experience than any man on the team, having started every game for the past two seasons. He is the "balancer" to keep youngsters like Nardone, D'Agostino, Brackett, Scarbrough, and Pyburn on the ball in the line.

Atkins is like Neura in that he was set for a year on the bench to "look and learn" when Foy Thompson was suddenly hurt and George found himself a starting offensive guard, not even knowing the calls, and very few plays.

Scarbrough is the "real find" of the line this fall. He was strictly a linebacker as a frosh and did a great job, especially against Maryland without having even attended a class at Auburn. The big boy has had a year of classes now with outstanding grades and his football ability is just as outstanding. Line coach Shot Senn calls him simply a "great prospect."

Baker All-SEC choice

IF THERE'S to be an All-SEC man from Auburn this season, the early vote goes to center Ed Baker. With fairness to all, he needs only to improve defensively because as a blocking center there is none better.

Two things, the Florida game of 1952 and his election as alternate captain, brought out the greatness of the 205-pound Mobile senior. His early season's work in scrimmage has been an inspiration to all members of the Auburn squad.

Junior Jack Locklear is just opposite from Baker in one sense; he needs offensive work. Defensively, he has two seasons as a linebacker under his belt and the results have been A-1. This position looks solid but there's quite a gap between the top two and the others.

Dooley's knee OK

THERE'S a healthy situation prevailing at quarterback with Vince Dooley on hand again and Bobby Freeman ready to replace him. This important spot is much improved over last season. At the time of this writing, Dooley's much-discussed knee operation has been termed successful and Freeman is going great guns. As Coach Jordan says, "it sure is nice to sit back with boys like Dooley and Freeman on hand, plus a good third man in Joe Davis."

The importance of Dooley can be easily realized by the downfall of the Auburn team after such a great showing against Maryland. Dooley was injured in the second game. Add the fact that his teammates elected him captain when he missed nine-tenths of the 1952 season, and all of spring training, and you have Dooley. Some say he's the Eddie



FOB JAMES, JR.—LH



M. L. BRACKETT—LT

Stanky type—does nothing particularly well—but is still tremendous.

Freeman could spell Dooley without weakening the squad. He shifted to quarterback during the spring after two full seasons as a defensive sideback and never looked better. He's a strong runner and on the brainy side as a quarterback. Like Dooley, he can play either halfback, so the system is unique. Both boys are outstanding and it can't be said that Auburn is so loaded that two fine athletes like these can't play in the same backfield.

Davis important

DAVIS is another man to important to count out of the 1953 plans. He's a wonderful aerialist and his extra point and field goal ability is too valuable not to be used so watch for plenty of action from

this level-headed senior.

It has been a long time since a halfback like Fob James, Jr., showed up on the Plains. Here's the guy who can break a ball game wide open in a matter of seconds. He is by far the most improved back on the team.

James All-America?

AS A freshman last season James was third in the nation in kickoff returns, plus ranking first in the SEC, with 414-yards on 17 returns. He broke the first scrimmage of the season wide open with a spinning 65-yard sprint through the entire team. He has learned to follow his blocks and to put his magic speed to use. Many say this is Auburn's next All-America. They might be right, too.

Behind James is another sophomore, Johnny Adams. A solidly built blond, he needs work but is capable of playing plenty at either halfback during the season. Dooley will get service here too when Freeman or Davis takes over at quarterback, so the position is much stronger.

Seniors Charlie Littles and Bobby Duke have the situation well-in-hand at righthalf, barring injuries. Both have the same physical makeup at 5-10 and 180-pounds, and can be depended on.

Littles has been having trouble with a knee and might be handicapped throughout the season. Before the injury, he satisfied Jordan with plenty of determination and ability. Littles blossomed out in the Tulane game a year ago and finished the season as one of the team's best runners.

Duke looking good

DUKE had devoted his time to defensive play previously. He had an average spring training but really came into his own during the first two weeks of fall practice. In fact, there is some doubt about who's going to start here. Junior David Middleton is tagged for service, as well as Freeman when Dooley's at

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Duke—RH



Littles—RH



BOB SCARBROUGH—G

Sophomores Hold Key

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quarterback.

Charlie Hataway is the "ole pro" of the backfield as is Duncan in the line. He was a starting righthalf as a sophomore and was the fullback last fall. He has the tough job of learning to adapt himself to linebacking and to keep an eager sophomore, Joe Childress, on the bench.

For a real workhorse, Jordan and just about everyone else will take Hataway. He never gives up and has good power. His speed afoot has never been discussed to a great degree but he's always in there "plugging."

Childress pushing Hataway

CHILDRESS is destined for many hours of playing time before he finishes as a fullback. He doesn't have experience like Hataway, but he does possess the ability to go all the way at any given time, plus good power. As a linebacker he might get the edge. Behind these two is 210-pound Billy Hicks, an upcoming sophomore.

There're plenty of problems that go with this single platoon business. Although he's not the best punter, young James will have to share the load unless Freeman is in the backfield. The best booter is probably Hicks but he's third string at the moment so his service will be limited.

Davis is by far the best man to



JIM PYBURN—E



FRANK D'AGOSTINO—LT

boot a football when someone has a finger on it, but he's not going to be playing as a regular. He can be rushed into action once a quarter with the proper bookwork on shifting men. With him out, Freeman gets the nods for extra points, field goals, and kickoffs.



BOB FREEMAN—QB



JOHNNY ADAMS—LH

Dooley, Freeman, Davis, James, and Adams pass well so that's no problem.



CHARLIE HATAWAY—FB

DEFENSIVELY, Scarbrough and Atkins are fine linebackers so the five-man line will probably return with them pulling out from guard. Locklear and Childress are the best linebackers, but they're relievers. If things get rough they can aid Hataway and Baker.

In the secondary, Freeman and Dooley are best so how will you keep them out? This problem is no worry with Littles, Duke, James, and Adams also experienced.



DON AND GEORGE ROGERS—TACKLES

Auburn Club News

Atlanta

ALL Auburn alumni planning to attend the Georgia Tech-Auburn game October 17 have been extended a cordial invitation from the Atlanta Auburn Club to attend Open House, Friday night, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., American Legion Post 72 Club, 222 Spring Street.

A. Wilton Kilgore, '37, president, Atlanta Auburn Club, stated that admission will be \$2.50 per person, and that everyone is invited and urged to be on hand for this night-before-the-game celebration.

Jefferson County

AROUND 300 alumni and guests attended a barbecue held by the Jefferson County Auburn Club in Green Springs Park, August 29.

Plainsman Head Coach Ralph Jordan and Athletic Director Jeff Beard and their wives were guests at the party. Jordan and Beard spoke to the group about football prospects on the Plains this fall. President of the Jefferson County Club this year is George Strange, '37.

Far East

MEMBERS of the Far East Auburn Club will have a real treat in store for them on the night of September 26, when the film of last year's great Auburn-Maryland football game will be shown. Cpl. Bill McArdle, '51, will narrate the film at the dinner meeting.

The meeting will be held at Pershing Heights Officers Club in Tokyo, where the club held a highly successful and well attended old fashioned Southern Dinner in August. Parents and friends of Auburnites in the Far East area are requested to send their names and addresses to:

War Eagle, Office of the Secretary, Lt. E. P. Vaiden, '51, 8101st AU, APO 500, Phone Tokyo 57-8923.

Sylacauga

FORTY alumni and guests were present at a dinner meeting of the Sylacauga Auburn Club August 16. Election of officers and the showing of the recent "A-Day" film highlighted the party.

Guest speakers were Alumni Secretary Joe Sarver, '37, Athletic Director Jeff Beard, '32, and Coaches Shug Jordan, '32, Charlie Waller, and Gene Lorendo.

Newly-elected president of the club is Kenneth Williams, '28. Other new officers are Walter Roark, Jr., '47, vice-president; Virginia West, '41, secretary; executive committee: Earl Atkinson, '33, Larry Edmunds, '52, and G. B. Hill, '03.

Tallapoosa-Coosa

TALLAPOOSA-COOSA Auburn Club attracted some 150 alumni and guests to a fish fry recently, and the group heard some first-hand facts on the '53 Auburn grid machine.

Coach Shug Jordan, Athletic Director Jeff Beard, API President Ralph Draughon, Alumni Secretary Joe Sarver, and Coaches Gene Lorendo and Charlie Waller were guest speakers.

Miami

A MEETING of alumni in the Miami, Florida, area had been arranged for Wednesday night, Sept. 16, though the place and time had not been decided as The Alumnews went to press.

Many alumni in Miami have shown a keen interest in reactivating the Miami Auburn Club, of which Colonel Frank E. McAlpine, '00, is now president. At the meeting September 16, plans are to be made for a gathering of alumni during the weekend that Auburn plays Miami there on November 6. New officers will also be elected.

★ Homecoming Reunions Planned For '03, '28

Homecoming, 1953 style, is almost here!

The big day this fall is Saturday, October 31, when the Plainsmen will meet Florida's strong Gators on the Cliff Hare turf. Again this year, in the special Homecoming issue, The Alumnews will feature notes on the classes that will celebrate their 50th and 25th reunions.

Members of the class of '03 are expected "home" on the Plains for the 50th reunion, and those of the class of '28 for the 25th reunion.

Every member of these two classes is especially urged to send in the questionnaire sent by the Alumni Association, and if possible, to include a picture. The deadline is October 1, so why not mail them today? Also, don't forget to send your reservation requests by October 1.

Though handicapped by polio

Bill Tucker Wins Degree

BY FOWLER DUGGER, JR.

ON AUGUST 22 Auburn wrote another commencement into its history. In that commencement program you will find the name of Bill Tucker.

To countless Auburnites and people all over Alabama who already know Bill, this story might well end at this point. They regard him as a fine example of the best in the prized "Auburn Spirit."

Others may find in the announcement of his graduation an inspiring story of personal adjustment to the handicap that sometimes follows polio.

Unique service record

BILL is not the first to point out that others have had polio and overcome the handicap of paralysis. But the former star quarterback has written a unique record of public service in the months that followed August 7, 1951, the date the husky griddier was stricken with polio.

First as an assistant at Crippled Children's Clinic and Hospital in Birmingham and later as a student again, Bill in countless appearances before civic, religious, fraternal, school and other groups has sought to explain what polio means. Fund raising has been secondary but Tucker has been highly successful in March of Dimes campaigns and in support of the Crippled Children's Clinic.

From an athletic family, Bill was

a three sports man throughout his career at Phillips High in Birmingham. He played under his father who now has coached for 29 years. Coming to Auburn on a football scholarship, Bill soon earned a name for himself quarterbacking the freshmen. He also excelled on the baseball diamond.

Understudied Tidwell

HIS sophomore year he understudied Travis Tidwell but served notice of his ability with several touchdown passes. He kicked the extra points that gave Auburn its memorable 14-13 win over Alabama.

In 1950, he and Allan Parks quarterbacked the ill-fated Tigers. Tucker was almost through summer school in 1951, looking forward to his senior year of football under his new coach, Ralph Jordan. Then came polio, critical illness and the long weeks of recovery and adjustment to a wheel chair.

"I was really in the dumps," Bill admits, "until I saw 19 year old Jack Mayfield, also in the Crippled Children's Hospital with me. He couldn't do much more than wiggle a thumb and one knee. Yet he could still smile. Right then I figured I was mighty lucky."

In the weeks that followed Bill learned all about the newly-opened hospital he and other Birmingham high school football players had helped build. Receipts from the annual Thanksgiving



IT was a big day for Bill Tucker when he was presented his bachelor's degree

last month by President Ralph Brown Draughon at commencement exercises.

Day game between Birmingham's top prep teams built and now operate the modern clinic. Young Tucker was the first player to be a patient. He soon became a popular figure, encouraging other patients and talking football to wide-eyed youngsters.

Told of clinic work

AS HE became able Bill expanded his activities. He became assistant to the administrator of the hospital, E. E. "Dick" Cavaleri. He made talks explaining the treatment available to polio patients, their reactions and problems. He told of the work going on at the Crippled Children's new building and of how football made it possible.

The poise that had made him a dangerous passer on the gridiron was even more evident in these talks. Naturally musical, Bill added to his program with a song—often the clinic's adopted theme song, "You'll Never Walk Alone." Radio appearances followed. That winter he was busy in March of Dimes work.

Trips to towns all over the state gave him the chance to spread the story of Alabama's efforts to fight polio and to tell of the work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. With it all Bill was providing a brilliant example of courage and adjustment. With it he was gaining experience and laying the groundwork for a career in public service or public relations.

Biggest encouragements

BILL counts the trips to the Auburn football games among his biggest encouragements that first fall. The Auburn student body had Bill as their guest for the opening game which he watched from his ambulance cot. Alumni in different cities arranged for ambulance trips for other games during the season. One of Bill's proudest possessions is the watch presented him by the varsity lettermen of the "A" Club.

When he returned to school last fall to finish his agricultural education course, Bill took classes in speech, visual aids, radio and music in an effort to help him decide on a new career and give him valuable training in fields which

appealed to him.

"The student body, like everybody else, has been swell to me," he related a few days before graduation. "They have given me lots of encouragement but they haven't spoiled me with more help than I needed. And Mother and Dad deserve a lot of credit, too, I think. It must have been pretty rough on them but they have been wonderful."

An appearance on TV's "Strike It Rich" program last fall gives a good indication of just how personable a young man is this Mr. Tucker. His trip to New York was hastily arranged in an effort to call attention to the Crippled Children's Clinic and the annual football game which supports it.

Bill told his inspiring story and whipped through his questions to win \$500. But the program also has a "Heartline" feature. Phone calls to the studio often follow a personal appearance offering cash or gifts to aid the person appearing on the program.

100 pounds of candy

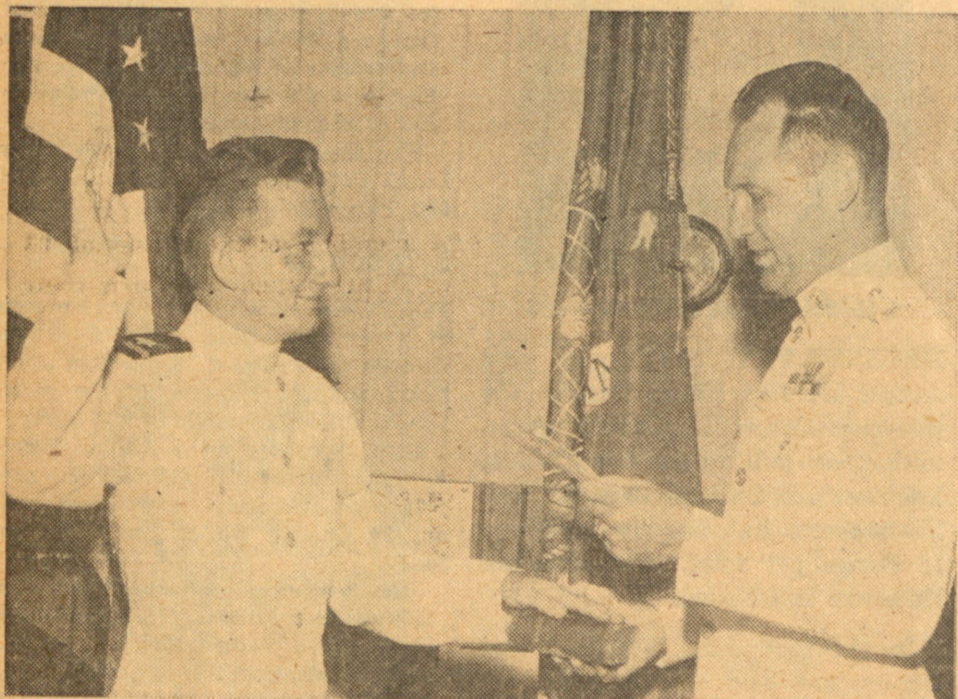
SO effective was Bill's talk that the Crippled Children's Clinic received \$7,000 and 100 pounds of peanut brittle, the gift of a man in Georgia.

Bill likes to point out three among the many gifts in the \$7,000 total. Checks for \$100 were received from the University of Alabama "A" Club; from Eddie Salem, a former Alabama grid star and high school and collegiate rival of Bill's, and from his own Auburn "A" Club.

Now a graduate, what does Bill plan to do?

"I'm going west for a little vacation first of all," he says. From then on his plans are still in the making. He knows he'd like to do something "with people." That may be personnel work with a corporation, work with the polio foundation, or radio. He is giving some thought to another year of training for work in hospital administration.

Whatever his final choice, you can find plenty of people in Auburn who will pick him to wind up on the "first string."



WILLIAM R. Masters, Jr., (left), of Anderson, S.C., is shown receiving his commission as ensign in the U.S. Navy upon his graduation from API where he

was enrolled in the NROTC program. Masters was the 10,000th NROTC student to graduate from the Navy's post World War II "Holloway Plan."

Of NROTC graduates since war

API Ensign 10,000th

AN AUGUST graduate of API—Ensign William R. Masters, Jr., '53—is the tenthousandth graduate from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program since the start of the Navy's Post-World War II "Holloway Plan."

Graduated August 22

ENSIGN Masters received both his bachelor's degree and commission as Ensign, U. S. Navy, on August 22. A 1949 graduate of Anderson High School, he was among those selected for the NROTC program in that year from more than 30,000 applicants and was accepted for enrollment at the Alabama college, the college he selected as his

preference out of the 52 NROTC colleges and universities authorized.

He will serve in active Naval Service for three years, and during his third year may request retention as a career officer of the Regular Navy. The NROTC program began in 1936 in order to offer certain college students the necessary Naval education to qualify them for commissions in the Naval Reserve. It has become known as the "Holloway Plan" and encompasses 52 colleges.

Each year about 1,800 civilians and 200 enlisted personnel on active duty in the Navy and Marine Corps are selected for enrollment in the Regular NROTC.

September 1 began the Association's

New Fiscal Year

SEPTEMBER 1 marked the beginning of the new fiscal year for the Auburn Alumni Association, and it is hoped that alumni will continue to maintain a strong, effective association by taking an active interest in it.

As we begin the 1954 fiscal year, alumni would do well to review carefully the objects and purposes of the Association as outlined in its constitution:

"To promote the welfare of the State of Alabama and of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute; to foster mutually beneficial relationships between the institute and its alumni; to foster and encourage services to the State of Alabama through enlarged educational enterprises, programs and services of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute."

You make it strong

IT IS clearly evident that your Alumni Association, as is the case with almost any other similar organization, will be only as strong as you, the alumni, make it. Your continuous interest and cooperation is the life-blood of the Association.

Activities of the Association are varied and widespread. Every alumnus is reached through The Alumnews, which keeps alumni posted on news of their classmates and news at Auburn. Personal letters, football ticket order blanks, personal contact through meetings of Auburn Clubs, all these are means of carrying out and fulfilling the objects and purposes of the Association.

The effectiveness, size, and scope of these means is naturally dependent upon the financial support alumni give to the Association. Thus, you, the alumni, determine by your support and interest the extent to which the Association will fulfill its mission.

Grateful for help

THE Association is sincerely grateful and appreciative for the help and cooperation it has received from so many loyal Auburnites during the past fiscal year. Much progress has been made.

Active alumni for the recent year numbered 4,105, of which 3,616 paid

their '53 dues of five dollars, 206 participated in the life installment plan, and 283 are life members. To these, the Association says "Thanks" for your support.

Become active now

IF continued progress is to be made, more alumni must join the ranks of the active to help push the Association forward. You are urged to join the association now, and let your interest be felt. Become an integral part of the Association that is designed to be of service to you, and to all Auburn alumni.

Why not clip the blank found on this page, and mail it along with \$5 to the Association? Auburn needs your support!

★ ★ Clip And Mail Today ★ ★

I realize that the continued program of the Auburn Alumni Association will depend upon the immediate support from me and other alumni.

My check for five dollars, payable to the Auburn Alumni Association, is enclosed. Enroll me as an active member.

Signed _____ Class _____

Street _____

Town _____

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AUBURN, ALABAMA

★ ★ Whitley Lay Ewing, '10 ★ ★

Ewing's Death Great Loss

EDITOR'S NOTE: Auburn has suffered a great loss in the recent death of Whitley Lay Ewing, '10. A loyal Auburnite and an active member of the Augusta, Ga., Auburn Club, Mr. Ewing gained wide recognition and respect in his community and state during a colorful career as a successful architect. The following excerpts are from an article written by Will I. Martin in The Gadsden Times on August 25.

Born in Gadsden

WHITLEY Lay Ewing, who died in Augusta, Ga., August 11, was another Gadsden boy who made good in a big way in another city and another state. He was a prominent architect in Augusta where he was repeatedly honored and was always respected.

He helped to design some of the finest buildings in that Georgia city and was known far and wide as one of the leading architects of his time.

Whitley was born and reared in Gadsden, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ewing and the grandson of Dr.

W. T. Ewing, a pioneer citizen of Gadsden who served the city as postmaster for more than 30 years. His mother was Miss Mollie Lay before her marriage. She was the daughter of Cummings Lay, a pioneer steamboat operator on the Coosa River, and a sister of William Patrick Lay, who for many years was a business leader and town builder here.

His mother was a fine musician, being an accomplished singer and pianist. He inherited her talent in that respect for he was a capable pianist and a wonderful singer. Augusta papers said that he gave generously of his talents to his adopted home.

Successful architect

WHITLEY graduated from AFI in 1910, taking a degree in architecture. Immediately after graduation he went to Pensacola, Fla., to begin his life work.

From there he went to Jacksonville, Fla., where he was successful. In 1921 he moved to Augusta to form a partnership with Phil P. Scroggs under the firm name of Scroggs and Ewing.

They designed such buildings as Rich-

mond Academy, the municipal auditorium, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Curtis Baptist Church. They did much of their fine work in that section of Georgia. He was a devout member and steward of the St. Johns Methodist Church and served as chairman of the board of music committee. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, an Elk, and a Rotarian.

★ ★ Notice ★ ★

ALL members of the classes of '03 and '28 are urged to return their reservation requests for the Homecoming reunions by October 1.

Members of these two classes should make their plans early to attend this year's 25th and 50th reunions. Homecoming is Oct. 31.

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Here's a book that Plainsman football rooters will really like!

Why not order your copy today?

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"War Eagle: The Auburn Tigers"

Written for your reading enjoyment, this book contains

- Pictures of all teams
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- Line-ups for each game
- Statistics

- Substitutes
- Campus Scenes

WRITTEN by James S. Edson, this complete history of Auburn football was edited by L. O. Brackeen, '27, director of the API News Bureau. Those who already have copies consider it a must for all former Auburn football stars, and all Auburn men and women who enthusiastically follow the Plainsmen on the gridiron.

ONLY \$10.00

(Order now from your Auburn Alumni Association)

★ Women Fellowships

THE ALUMNEWS was notified recently that 25 fellowships are being offered by the American Association of University Women to American women for advanced study or research during the academic year 1954-55.

In general, the \$2,000 fellowships are awarded to young women who have completed residence work for the Ph.D. degree or who have already received the degree; the \$2,500-\$3,500 awards to the more mature scholars who need a year of uninterrupted work for writing and research. Unless otherwise specified, the fellowships are unrestricted as to subject and place of study.

ALL applications and supporting materials must reach the office in Washington by December 15, 1953. For detailed information concerning these fellowships and instructions for applying, address the Secretary, Committee on Fellowship Awards, American Association of University Women, 1634 Eye Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Fellowships offered are as follows: \$1,000 for study in the field of social work; \$2,000—15 fellowships, unrestricted; \$2,000—to a woman with a degree in arts, science or literature, who intends to teach; \$2,000—for research (doctorate is required); \$2,000—for research in chemistry, physics or biology (doctorate is required); \$2,500—unrestricted; \$3,000—three fellowships, unrestricted; \$3,500—unrestricted.

Alumnalities

1895

George P. Bondurant is living in Birmingham . . . Percy H. Smith has his home in Waco, Texas.

1899

Thomas W. Wert was recently honored on his birthday and the 25th anniversary of American Life Insurance Company, of which he is president, on Friday, August 14, at a meeting in the Jefferson Davis Hotel in Birmingham. He was named a Kentucky Colonel at the celebration.

1900

DEATHS: Lt. Col. J. W. Boyd, August 17, at Brooke Army Hospital, Texas.

Harry Young Hall, formerly of Burlington, Vt., now retired, is living in St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . John Samuel Black, formerly of West Hartford, Conn., recently retired and also lives in St. Petersburg, near Mr. Hall.

1903

DEATHS: Robert T. Bagby, Birmingham.

1904

James H. Childs, retired civil engineer, has returned to Auburn where he is enrolled as a special student in order to review technical subjects he took before winning his degree in '04. (See feature article, this page)

1905

William B. Clayton retired from General Electric Company May 1 of this year after 43 years of service. He now has his home at 3719 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.

1910

DEATHS: Whitley Lay Ewing, prominent Augusta (Ga.) architect, following a severe heart attack on August 1. A native of Gadsden, Ala., Mr. Ewing moved to Augusta in 1921 and formed a partnership with Phil P. Scoggs to practice architecture. His firm designed some of the city's finest buildings. Auburn and Augusta feel a great loss in his death.

1913

DEATHS: Samuel L. Wood, Abbeville, of a heart attack while on a fishing trip in Florida. A popular life-time resident of Abbeville, Mr. Wood was a loyal Auburn supporter and active in numerous affairs in his community.

1914

L. A. Baarke is living in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

1915

Irley R. Pollard, retired Army Colonel, has his home at Bradenton Beach, Fla. Mr. Pollard served for nearly 35 years in the Army. His wife is the former Grace Francis . . . Dr. Charles A. Harris has moved to 315 Lobos Marinos, San Clemente, Calif. . . . Homer H. Turner has his home in Gadsden, Ala. He formerly lived in Attalla . . . P. R. Pettis, Fayette, has been named to receive a special award at the national county agents meeting this year.

1916

Dr. George L. Breeden is practicing in Selma, Ala.

DEATHS: David M. Dowdell, former member of the Mississippi legislature, August 28, in Vicksburg, Miss.

1917

Col. James E. Shotts, Sr., has moved moved to Jasper, Ala., from Montgomery . . . William W. Barron is with Ohio Gas and Fuel Co. in Columbus, Ohio, where he is serving as chief engineer . . . The recent election of Dr. Seth J. Floyd as mayor of Phenix City, Ala., gave the city a functioning city commission for the first time in seven months. Dr. Floyd is son of a former Phenix City Mayor and chief of staff



Brief sketches and news items
on Auburn's sons and
daughters

1923

William B. Ford, Jr., has moved to Foley, Ala., where he is working with The Onlooker . . . Dr. Paul J. Longshore, dentist, is practicing in Birmingham . . . J. C. Lowery, API extension agronomist, has his home in Auburn . . . Dewey W. Stutts, engineer, is with Gulf Oil Corp.

Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Charlie H. Lamar is general supt., Alabama Gas Corp. in Birmingham . . . H. Glenn McNair operates his own tailoring business in Atlanta, Ga. . . . James K. Hunt, technical advisor, is



working in Wilmington, Del. . . . Thomas R. Bethune, salesman, resides in Columbia, S. C. . . . James E. Bridges is president of Bridges Cotton Co. in Tuskegee, Ala. . . . Lee C. Perry is supervising principal of Vienna Public Schools in Vienna, Ga. . . . Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell is practicing in Tyler, Texas . . . Luther T. Dyer, veterans teacher, has his home in Lake Butler, Fla. . . . Crawford F. Stallings is district engineer with American Telephone Co. in Dallas, Texas . . . P. N. Davis, merchant, is living in Rockford, Ala. . . . Merritt P. Robinson, engineer, is with American Telephone Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Gladys McCain Moncus, housewife, resides in Birmingham . . . J. Leon McMillan has his home in Savannah, Ga. . . . Jack F. Nettles is vice-president of Peterman Agricultural Co. at Peterman, Ala. . . . John H. Murphree is distributor for Pan Am Southern Corp. in Troy, Ala. . . . S. L. Norwood, district manager, Regal Shoe Co., is living in Birmingham . . . Watkins B. Castleberry, rabies inspector of Jefferson County, is living in Birmingham.

1918

William Ben West has his home at 1220 Fourth St. N., in St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . Dr. Turner M. Dennis has moved from Holly Springs, Ga., to Moss Hill Apt. 5 in Gainesville, Ga.

1919

W. L. Liddell, president of the Wilcox County Farm Bureau for the past 15 years, recently congratulated the Bureau's new president, Leo B. Hollinger, '40.

1920

Gerry W. Pearson, manager, Williams Lumber Co. in Columbus, Ga., has recently completed a year as Governor of Lions International for Georgia. He is also a past president of the Columbus Club . . . Verner Hanna is chief engineer, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, at Union Station, St. Louis, Mo.

1921

DEATHS: George B. Komp, Jr., Hattiesburg, Miss., in August. Following the death of Mr. Komp, the mayor of Hattiesburg said that the city had lost "a valuable man, a tireless civic worker and a beloved citizen," a man whom he found to be "completely unselfish and objective in his desire to help the city." Mr. Komp's son, George III, is now attending Auburn.



James H. Childs, '04

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following feature was written for the Auburn Plainsman by Jack Boozer and published in a recent summer issue.

YOUTH is a state of mind, and one of the youngest students at API today is James H. Childs, who is a mere sixty-nine years "young." A retired civil engineer, he is an Auburn alumnus, class of 1904, and a graduate of Yale, class of 1908.

Upon his retirement from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1951, Childs returned to Auburn where he enrolled as a special student in order to review the technical subjects he had once taken, as he felt he had forgotten most of them. So far, he has reviewed all of his physics and mathematics and is looking forward to taking other courses.

From Forsyth, Ga.

A NATIVE of Forsyth, Ga., Childs first arrived at Auburn in the fall of 1900, a "real, green country boy." No streets were paved at that time. The student

body was less than 400 and all men students were required to wear military uniforms seven days a week.

Only one member of the student body had a pair of pajamas and he was looked upon as an oddity. All incoming freshmen were hazed by upperclassmen. "I was lucky," the unusual scholar remarked, "they only paddled me."

There were seven fraternities in Auburn at the turn of the century, according to Childs, who also noted that the API fraternities are better than those anywhere in that one is as good as another as far as campus recognition is

1929

James M. White, vice-president, American Car and Foundry Co., New York, has moved to Scarsdale, New York . . . H. L. Mullin has moved to Greenwood, Miss. . . . Roderick J. Mathews is with the Dept. of the Army in Washington, D. C. . . . C. T. Densmore has his home in Irvington, New Jersey . . . Col. William A. Willis is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station in Miami, Fla. . . . Dr. Carl J. Rehling, Alabama state toxicologist, has his home in Birmingham . . . M. C. Whitten recently ended 21 years of service as superintendent of education in Lee County. His home is in Opelika, where he has been active in many community activities for a number of years . . . Succeeding Mr. Whitten in this position was V. C. Helms, of Auburn, who has served for the past four and a half years as county superintendent of transportation and maintenance for the Lee County system . . . Howard E. Cheatam is serving

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Lt. Col. A. C. Martin, '39

LT. COL. Allen C. Martin, '39, was appointed in August as Secretary of the nation's Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Col. Martin will be responsible for overall administration of the various academic departments of the school and for coordination of their activities.

COL. Martin has been at Fort Sill since 1950, when he arrived from 8th Army headquarters at Yokohama, Japan, to attend the Advanced course for artillery officers.

He was later assigned to the school as executive officer for the Supervisor of Resident Instruction, after which he was named assistant Secretary.

A graduate of Selma, Ala., high school, Col. Martin was commissioned from the ROTC at Auburn and entered active service in November, 1940.

HE WAS a student at Fort Sill in 1941-42, and served with school troops there until 1944, when he went to the Pacific theater of operations. Col. Martin served on New Guinea and Luzon with the 11th Airborne Division and in Japan with XIV Corps.

Col. and Mrs. Martin and their children, Allen, Jr., 7, and Martha, 5, reside on the post at Fort Sill.



concerned. Kappa Alpha built the first chapter house which was used only as a meeting house. All students lived out in town in the early 1900's, as there were no dormitories.

AUBURN WAS a semi-military school when he began his college career. Students were divided into four companies and drilled regularly. During his senior year, he was captain of his company and remembers the names of those comprising the group.

From 1905-1908, Childs attended Berkely School of Yale University in order to be an alumnus of Yale as well as an Auburnite. He was graduated from Yale with the Ph.D. degree.

Most of his career as a civil engineer was spent in the West where he worked for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Bureau of Reclamation. He is a registered engineer in California, New Mexico, and Arizona, and an active member of the American Association of Civil Engineers.

When he retired from governmental service, he was given a testimonial banquet by fellow employees to commemorate his 25 years service.

Honorary Colonel

AT THE banquet, he was given the honorary title of Colonel and the honorary degrees of Employee Emeritus, Tea Totaller Cum Laude, Ex-Sugar Eater Ph.D. and Master from RFC for being a jolly good fellow.

Alumnalities

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as head of the Greenville Men's Camellia Society during this year . . . Roy Sellers, Birmingham, agricultural educator and editor, is serving in Iran where he joined the Point 4 mission of the Technical Cooperation Administration, Dept. of State . . . Herschel F. Rogers is with the National City Bank in New York City . . . Leon M. Sahag, Jr., is living at Rockford, Ill. . . Maxwell E. Jones has his home in Dothan, Ala. . . John C. Alexander has moved to Trussville, Ala. . . James F. Shackelford, president, Wimberly and Thomas Hardware Co., has his home in Birmingham . . . William C. Floyd, engineer, is with TCI in Birmingham . . . Willie M. Hancock, postmaster at Ethelsville, Ala., is secretary, Alabama Chapter, National Assn. of Postmasters . . . Dr. Ralph C. McClung, dental surgeon, has his office in Birmingham . . . John R. Parrish is with the API Extension Service in Auburn . . . James H. Nicholson is supervisor, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp., Oak Ridge, Tenn. . . Clarence D. Thomas, vocational agriculture teacher, has his home in Haleyville, Ala. . . Mrs. Eva B. Cantrell has her home at Boaz, Ala. . . Bruce R. Anderson, architect, is practicing in Little Rock, Ark. . . John M. Brown, Opelika, is with the Alabama Motor Club . . . Charles T. Bailey is agricultural agent for State National Bank in Athens, Ala. . . Sarah Holliday Blake is with Blake Insurance Agency in Prattville, Ala. . . Colvin W. Crum, cattleman, has his home in Hayneville, Ala. . . Massey B. Clayton is supervisor, Dept. of Operations, Communications Section, TVA, in Chattanooga, Tenn. . . John B. Paisley, Jr., engineer, is with American Telephone Co. in Birmingham . . . George J. Cottier is professor of poultry husbandry, at API . . . Mrs. J. M. Oliver is teaching in Birmingham . . . Thomas H. LeCroy is farm relations officer, Peoples Bank and Trust Co., in Rocky Mt., N. C. . . J. Ponder Livingston, postmaster, has his home at Eutaw, Ala. . . Emma Joe Lindsey is assistant home demonstration agent in Athens, Ala. . . Rayford L. Lloyd is owner of Lloyd Motor Co. in Panama City, Fla. . . William D. Cook is manager, Municipal Electric System, at Cullman, Ala. . . John Lytle Bull has been vocational agriculture teacher at Bear Creek, Ala., since 1934 . . . M. W. Turnipseed, farmer, has his home at Fitzpatrick, Ala. . . Frank E. Tuxworth is with Bethlehem Steel Co. in Houston, Texas . . . John O. Windson is hydraulic engineer, Mobile District Corps of Engineers, and resides in Mobile . . . James L. Hartselle, TVA cost engineer, is residing in Chattanooga, Tenn. . . Robert L. Hightower, chemist, is with Beaunit Mills, Inc., in Childersburg, Ala. . . Wade W. Hester is principal, Cherokee (Ala.) Vocational High School.

1932

Lt. Col. William B. Hardin sailed for Tokyo, Japan, August 18 where he will be stationed with the Army . . . A. J. Killebrew was recently appointed to the athletic committee for the 1953-54 school year at Livingston State Teachers College . . . W. S. "Bill" Pollard is now serving as poultry specialist for Warren Produce Co. in Greenville, Miss. . . M. Sgt. and Mrs. J. O. Webb (nee Alberta Renfro), and children, Joanne and John Forney, recently returned to Opelika, Ala., from Ankara, Turkey, where they have lived for the past two years . . . Mrs. Lawrence Ennis (nee Jane Yarbrough), of Auburn, became the first woman to sink a hole-in-one at the Saughatchee Country Club on June 14 . . . Lt. Col. and Mrs. P. Platt Boyd and children are now at



Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he recently accepted a new assignment . . . Edwin E. Boles is now living in Bixby, Okla. . . W. E. "Bill" Rogers and family now reside in Mobile, Ala. . . Mrs. Mary Emma McPhail Newman is a board member of the Auburn chapter of Pilot International . . . Cleveland L. Adams, head of the textile technology department at API, is serving as chairman of the organization and extension committee for the Auburn District of the Boy Scouts of America . . . James D. Bush, Jr., has his home in Menlo Park, Calif. . . John P. Wilson, Jr., Mobile, is serving this year as president of the Alabama Assn. of Insurance Agents . . . Lt. Col. Harvey L. Sims is now stationed at Tampa, Fla. . . R. W. Boteler, Jr., is vice-president in charge of production, Mountain Eagle Publishing Co. in Jasper, Ala. . . Page E. Riley, road construction superintendent, is working in Birmingham . . . Maj. Samuel D. Wade is stationed at Arlington, Mass. . . Lt. Col. Otis S. Moreman, Jr., instructor, Quartermaster School, is stationed at Ft. Lee, Va. . . Ben B. Mabson, Jr. is sales engineer with Birmingham Slag Co. in Birmingham . . . Col. Elmer B. Kennedy is now at Camp Rucker, Ala. . . Ben D. Reynolds is representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Selma, Ala. . . Grover Dunn, chemical engineer, is with Brown Engineering Co. in Des Moines, Iowa . . . Robert M. Howard, manager, Liberty National Life Insurance District, has his home in Troy, Ala. . . Clinton McClure is chief forester with Allison Lumber Co. in Bellamy, Ala. . . John R. Relfe is farming at Mt. Meigs, Ala. . . John Lyle Carr is manager, Knox Construction Co. in Thomas, Ga. . . James B. Nix is with Holston Ordnance Works in Kingsport, Tenn. . . James W. Nicol, engineer, resides in Birmingham . . . George L. Morton, manager, F. D. Barringer Co., is living in Atlanta, Ga. . . Lt. Col. George N. Anderson has his home at Silver Spring, Md.

1933

BIRTHS: A son, Michael Allan, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Lofton, Jr., in Montgomery, August 4.

Felix J. Creighton is living in Montgomery . . . James E. McQueen has moved to Clayton, Ala. . . Elizabeth Camp Giddens was recently honored by Auburn Civitans for work done as an Auburn Cub Scout Mother . . . John Owen, Decatur, was recently named second vice-president of the Alabama Seedsmen's Assn. . . Mrs. Bessie Baby Dayton has moved to Chevy Chase, Md. . . Euland M. Rushing has his home in Montgomery . . . Charles H. Coggin is with Columbia Mills in Columbia, S. C. . . W. B. "Sonny" Paterson, III, is new chairman of the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross . . . Mabry Stone Phillips is now with Golden Glow Daires in Albany, Ga. . . Katherine Allen has moved to Pembroke, Ga. . . Needham Lee Drewry, Jr. is construction engineer for Superior Stone Co. in Raleigh, N. C. He and his wife have their home in Greensboro, N. C. . . Lester H. Clark is presently assigned with the Chief of Army Field Forces Office at Fort Monroe, Va. . . William E. Courtney is living in Savannah, Ga. . . Cecil D. Brooks is with the Alabama State Dept. of Toxicology and Criminal Investigation, in charge of the Birmingham branch office and laboratories in Birmingham . . . Mrs. Velma Pearson Otley is teaching in Arlington, Va., where she has her home . . . James O. Bentley is living in Selma, Ala., where he is connected with the Foods and Drugs Dept., State of Alabama . . . Robert C. Arthur has his home in Birmingham.

1934

Collins Cameron is living in Montgomery . . . Maj. Roy C. Brewer has his home at Key West, Fla. . . B. W. Appleton, Collinsville, is presently serving as

Alumni in service

Korean News

DEATHS: Lt. Col. John W. Keith, '38, Birmingham, has been reported by the Communists to have died while he was a prisoner of war. His mother, Mrs. John W. Keith, was notified that his name appeared on a list submitted by the Communists to the UN command of persons "who died while in custody." It was pointed out by Army headquarters in Washington that the Communists information has not been verified, but was being checked by questioning returned American prisoners of war. Lt. Col. Keith was reported missing in action in Korea, February 13, 1951. His wife and three children reside in Junction City, Kan. . . Perry H. Browning, '52, was killed while serving with the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, on June 11. Mr. Browning, who entered the Army November 5, 1952, had been in Korea about a month, and at the time of his death was defending Harry Outpost. At Auburn, Mr. Browning studied interior design, and was a member of Decor, Alpha Phi Omega, and Theta Chi fraternity. Auburn has lost two loyal comrades in the death of these two men. **MISSING:** Morris L. Potter, '44, Birmingham, was reported missing in action June 12, 1952. Mr. Potter was called to active duty with the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, N. C., January 10, 1951, and from there was sent to Korea where he flew Marine night fighter planes. The report came to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Potter, just three weeks before Mr. Potter was scheduled to return to the states. **DECORATED:** Lt. Charles T. Russell, '51, Auburn, recently received the first Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for distinguished service as an air observer in the 40th Division's 143d Field Artillery Battalion. The award was made by Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Dunn, commanding general of 40 Division Artillery, at a ceremony in Korea . . . Capt. Robert W. Flournoy, Jr., '48, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea. He received the decoration in recognition of his work as aide-de-camp and personal pilot for the I Corps artillery commander from January 22, 1952 to February 8, 1953. Captain Flournoy also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross. His wife is living in Birmingham.

Lt. Frank G. Marsh, '50, is serving in Korea with the 1st Medical Field Laboratory, a supporting unit for divisions of the Eighth Army in the combat zone. Lt. Marsh is serving as a supply and transportation officer . . . James R. Kuykendall, '49, is with the Pharmacy Division in Korea, Fleet Marine Force . . .



president of the Alabama Poultry Industry Assn. . . N. S. Hare, Monroeville, was recently awarded a Masonic degree from Royal Arch Chapter No. 170 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Hooper reside in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is with the Alaskan Region Civil Aeronautical Administration . . . Griffin C. Floyd is living in Orlando, Fla., where he is engaged in Landscape Gardening work . . . Lt. Col. Tom G. Shackelford, formerly of Montgomery, was recently assigned to duty in Korea, where he is executive officer in the civil affairs section . . . Lee Stanley Tucker resides at Miami Beach, Fla. . . J. M. Holloway, Jr., Montgomery, is serving this year as secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Retail Furniture Assn. . . Mrs. Mary McGehee Greene was honored in July by Auburn Civitans for work done as an Auburn Cub Scout Mother . . . Howard W. Green is with the vocational agriculture dept. at API . . . James H. Suydam, engineer, is with General Machinery Co., in Birmingham . . . Hugh L.



Russell, '51



Earle, '41

Charles D. Johnson, '51, is with the Marine Corps in Korea . . . Dillard F. Jones, '37, Knoxville, Tenn., is with the 25th Division in Korea . . . Lt. David R. Kelley, '50, is with the Marine Air Force . . . Maj. Alex G. Kharitonoff, '39, is on active duty with the Army in Pusan, Korea . . . Pfc. Jack D. Hasty, '55, recently graduated from the 2d Infantry Division's Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy in Korea . . . Lt. John P. Hargrove, '51, has returned to the states after serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea . . . Maj. Oscar W. Burford, '39, Huntsville, is serving as special services officer in Korea . . . Capt. Hilton H. Earle, Jr., '41, Tampa, Fla., who recently arrived on Okinawa from Korea, has been assigned as a parasitologist and entomologist with the Ryukyus Service Command . . . Lt. Robert S. White, '49, has been serving in Korea since October, 1952 . . . Lt. John B. Long, '51, is now in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division . . . Pfc. George H. Dent, '55, is with the Air Force in Korea . . . Lt. Harrison F. Rees, '50, is serving in Korea . . . Lt. Jack C. Capps, '51, has been in Korea since July, 1952 . . . Lt. Chester E. Cline, '50, who played guard on the Plainsman football team from 1946 to 1949, named one of the hills in the combat zone in Korea War Eagle Hill after the world famous Auburn yell. At the time, Lt. Cline said in a story printed in the New York Herald Tribune that "War Eagle Hill is the highest Allied position in Korea, and this is the highest place in the world from which United States tanks have fired in combat, as far as I can find out." Lt. Cline was commander of a tank platoon that caught the Communists off guard when they began firing from the crest of War Eagle Hill several months ago . . . Lt. Alex P. Brewer, Jr., '49, has been in Korea since January 8 . . . Lt. Roland B. Wilson, '51, recently returned to the states after serving in Korea.



Cottle is regional manager, Schenley Import Corp., and is living in Montgomery . . . Stephen R. White has moved to Montgomery . . . D. Hamp Morris, president of the Geneva Cotton Mill, Geneva, Ala., is presently serving a three-year term as director of the American Cotton Manufacturing Institute . . . Capt. L. H. Poole is stationed in Alaska with an engineer construction unit.

1935

Austin R. Martin and family have their home in Wetumpka, Ala., where he is presently Advertising Manager, The Wetumpka Herald. The Martins have a young son, Charles Henry, born last March 31 . . . Samuel R. Shi, Jr., is living in Arlington, Va. . . George K. Quinney resides in Jacksonville, Fla. . . J. H. Orr has his home in Tifton, Ga. . . August G. McKinney resides in Milford, N. J. . . Capt. Guy V. Martin

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is stationed at Fort MacArthur, Calif. . . . Richards B. Woods is working with TVA in Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . Clarice M. Payne, architect, is practicing in Memphis, Tenn. . . . George H. Lester, Jr., has his home in Albany, Ga. . . . Lt. Col. Albert L. Thornton is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. . . . Dr. Robert R. Altaker has moved to Haverton, Pa. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Enis Alldredge are living in Huntsville, Ala. . . . Edwin F. Cottier is with Pacific Coast Borax Co. in Auburn, Ala. . . . Miss Marie Sewell, Auburn, has been elected historian of the Alabama Writer's Conclave. . . . Col. Jack L. Coan is senior Engineer Corps officer in the Military District of Washington, D. C., where he supervises projects in more than a score of Army installations in the area. . . . Frances Bailey Radney, home economist, is with Atlanta Gas and Light Co. in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Mrs. Ruth Newman McNutt has moved to Knoxville, Tenn.

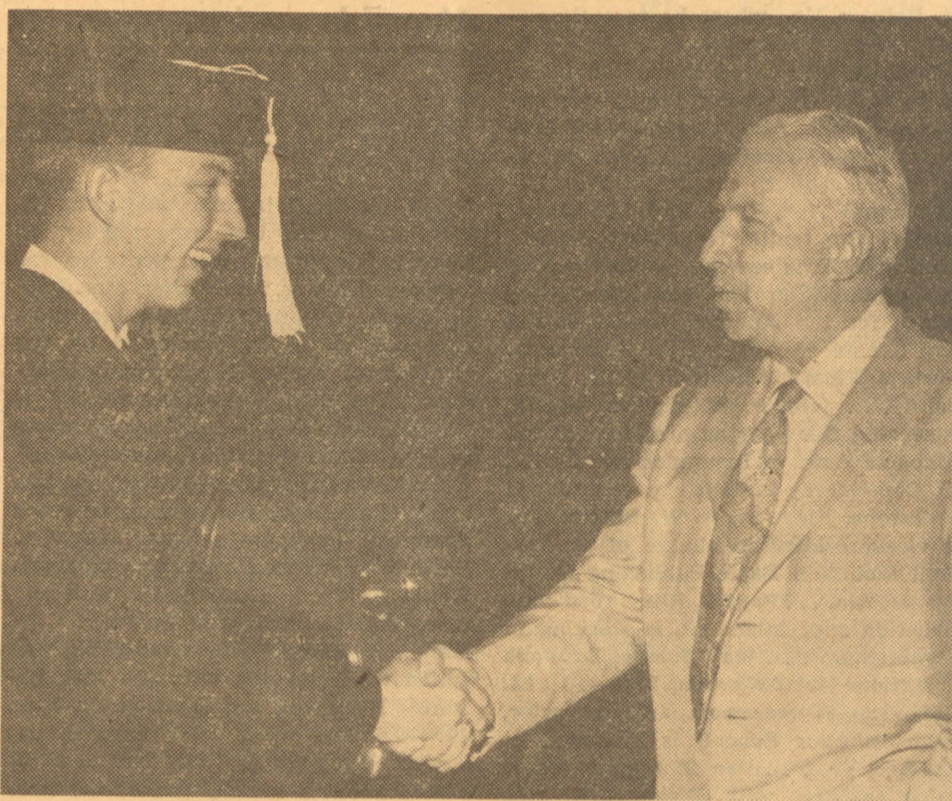
1936

BIRTHS: A son, Michael Stubbs, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crew Smith, of Goodwater.

Dr. George A. Baker is practicing in Columbia, S. C. . . . Charles W. Trotter is employed with TVA as a purchasing agent in the materials branch in Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . Elizabeth Wright Cottier, housewife, is living in Auburn. . . . Herbert Benson, Opelika, is now serving as Esteemed Exalted Ruler of the Auburn-Opelika B.P.O.E. . . . Col. James P. Hines is living in Alexandria, Va. . . . Lucien A. Hill is employed as area conservationist, USDA, in Phoenix, Ariz. . . . William Letford has his home in Greenville, Ala. . . . Lt. Col. Robert A. Jones, Bessemer, is new senior unit instructor of Army Reserves with headquarters at the Alabama Military District. . . . Dr. C. Merrill Whorton is practicing in Fort Worth, Texas. . . . Col. Ferrell L. Bowen is living in Napa, Calif. . . . George L. Ivey, Jr., resides at Macon, Ga. . . . Stephen G. Pugh is with Southern Bell in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Lt. Col. Eugene M. Lee is stationed at San Francisco, Calif. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Jolley (nee Allie Bates), are living in Tokyo, Japan, where he is sanitary engineer with the Far East Air Force. Mrs. Jolley is a free lance writer and in the past year has had several articles published in such publications as Atlanta Journal, This Day Magazine, Etude, Progressive Farmer, Grit, and Georgia AAUW State Bulletin. . . . William F. Huffman resides at Brevard, N. C. . . . James A. Tyson is materials engineer, Okinawa Engineer District, Camp Kue, Okinawa. . . . A. N. Holland, Jr. has moved to Tuscaloosa, Ala. . . . C. D. King is sales manager of a motor company in Gadsden, Ala. . . . Robert C. McCauley is president of McCauley Motors, Inc., Dairy Bars, Inc., and Tenn. River Development Co., at his home in Jackson, Tenn. . . . Eugene P. Riley, Jr. is Far East Representative, Military Service Co. in Tokyo, Japan. . . . Lt. Col. Leroy Thompson, Jr. is now at Alexandria, Va. . . . C.A.G. Blomquist, Jr. has been named senior engineer in the technical section of the intermediates plant, the Chemstrand Corp. in Pensacola. Mr. Blomquist received a master of science degree from Illinois Institute of Technology.

1937

Dr. Fred O. Barrett is living in Springdale, Ohio. . . . Robert E. Smith is residing in Anniston, Ala. . . . John Irby Morgan is project engineer, Ehrhart, and Arthur, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. . . . Everett D. McAllister is a salesman with Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Mrs. Carolyn Taylor Carr was featured recently with her husband, Dr. Howard Carr, and children, Howard, Jr., and Carolyn Ann, in Birmingham's Post-Herald, following



SHAKING hands with his son, Gordon Persons, Jr., as he graduated from Auburn August 22 is his father, Gordon

Persons, Governor of the State of Alabama, and an Auburn alumnus of the class of 1925. This was a rare occasion.



No 1943 Reunion

DUE to a critical shortage of hotel space in Auburn this fall, the 10th year reunion for the class of 1943 will not be held.

Plans are already underway, however, for next year's 10th year celebration, and it is hoped that many will arrange to attend this gala Homecoming event.



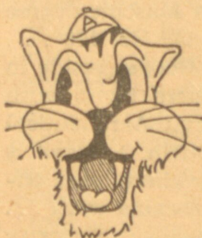
the appointment of Dr. Carr as new head of the API physics department. . . . Capt. Dillard F. Jones, Korean War veteran, has joined the ROTC staff of Jacksonville State Teachers College. . . . William H. Reynolds has returned to the states after serving with the Army in Japan. . . . Lt. Cmdr. Frank W. Smith is stationed at Virginia Beach, Va. . . . Ralph Stewart resides in Gulfport, Miss. . . . Lee Porter is living at Gadsden, Ala. . . . Mrs. Gene Sheppard Loftin is cafeteria supervisor at Bartow Academy in Mobile, Ala. . . . Lunus J. Fuller is working with the Texas Company in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Vernon Merritt is executive secretary to Gov. Gordon Persons. . . . Named one of four runners-up in the Alabama Favorite Teacher Contest this year was Miss Kate Bonino, of Mineral Springs School. . . . M. E. Weatherby, Mobile retail furniture dealer, is serving this year as president of the Alabama Retail Furniture Assn.

1938

John K. Howard, soil conservationist, is with the Conservation Service at Geneva, Ala. Col. William B. Stelzenmuller, is with the U. S. Military Mission with the Iranian Army. . . . Robert B. Masterson, engineer, is with International Paper Co. at Georgetown, S. C. . . . Jarrell D. McDaniel is teaching at Burnettsville High School in Burnettsville, Ind. . . . Byran V. Bean, attorney, is living at Nashville, Tenn. . . . Edward C. Forbes, general manager, General Electric, is living at Lisbon, Portugal. . . . Harry C. Jackson is vice-president, Morton Machine Works, at Columbus, Ga. . . . William H. Lyons is with Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co. in Jacksonville, Fla.

1944

Dr. Harold W. Nance, veterinarian, is practicing in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. . . .



Permanent Dining Halls Ready For API Coeds

THIS FALL, for the first time since World War II, all Auburn coeds will have their meals served in permanent dining halls.

For the past 15 months, girls living in API dormitories have had to take their meals in temporary dining halls. For about five years, other women students have had to eat in the temporary Auburn Hall cafeteria, approximately one block from the Main Campus.

The completion of a new addition to the Main Women's Dining Hall, the remodeling of the old section and of Alumni Cafeteria earlier this year, made the long awaited change possible.

No rush this year

IN announcing the opening of the new facilities, W. T. Ingram, API treasurer, stated, "Adequate facilities have been provided to serve meals to the entire group of women students without rushing.

"Due to expert planning and design," he said, "the new area will make it possible to serve meals in one hour's time to around 950 women students living in the main dormitories."

For the convenience of the 100 women students who will live in Alumni Hall this fall, he stated, meals will be served in a cafeteria in that building.

API has also conformed to all Public Health Department requirements, Ingram pointed out.

The new dining hall is equipped with the latest in large quantity food service equipment, stated Mrs. Kathryn Harper, foods service director, API.

"Three cafeteria lines, all of stainless steel, will be provided," she said, "and walls behind the counters will be covered with vinyl plastic for ease of cleaning."

All of the noise of food preparation and serving will be removed from the main dining area, she continued, since all preliminary preparation and dishwashing will be done in a downstairs work area.

Use of cool, restful colors in the decorating scheme adds to the pleasant surroundings in the new dining hall, she said.

To open September 17

FIRST scheduled opening is for the night of Sept. 17 when freshmen women interested in joining sororities report to the campus to take part in rush week activities.



'08 Reunion Planned

EARLY indications are that an excellent representation of the class of 1908 will return to the "Loveliest Village of the Plains" October 30 for a Homecoming reunion of the class.

Carl A. Wilmore, '08, and Sam Ellsberry, '08, recently reported that some 35-40 members of the class have indicated that they plan to be in Auburn for the celebration. All others of the class are urged to be present if at all possible.

The '08 reunion group will gather Friday night, Oct. 30, at the Clement Hotel in Opelika where arrangements have been made to accommodate the Auburnites for dinner. The next day Auburn meets the University of Florida on the gridiron in Cliff Hare Stadium to climax the big Homecoming weekend.

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1946

Auburn . . . Jack G. Springer, druggist, owns his own drug store in Tallahassee, Ala. . . . Robert G. Brown is sales manager, Opelika Creamery, Inc., in Opelika . . . Mary Ella Allen Burns, secretary to purchasing agent, Reynolds Alloys Co., is living in Tusculum, Ala. . . . Robert M. Drewry, hotel manager, is living at Haleyville, Ala. . . . Louise Jacks Newell, housewife, is living at Hope Hull, Ala.



. . . Frances L. Meaders Klein is living in Anniston, Ala. . . . Robert T. Meadows, Jr., cotton buyer, resides at Eufaula, Ala. Gladys Dismukes Searcy, housewife, is living in Auburn . . .

Elizabeth Mackie Stevens, housewife, is living at East Gadsden, Ala. . . . Florence Smith Head is living in Montgomery . . . Rev. M. C. "Si" Mathison is minister, First Methodist Church in Opelika, Ala. . . . Mildred McGough Smith, housewife, is living in Florence, Ala.



Carl E. Barker, '08

CARL E. Barker, '08, recently retired from his position as assistant to the president of Shell Oil Company, after experiencing 37 colorful years in the oil industry.

The Barkers now reside at their home at 89 Euclid Avenue, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, in New York.

Worked as engineer

FOLLOWING his graduation from Auburn, Mr. Barker worked for several years as an engineer in various Alabama areas. He joined Roxana Petroleum Company at Ardmore, Oklahoma, as division engineer, in 1916.

From this position he moved to Tulsa, and then to St. Louis. His jobs during an illustrious career with Shell Oil Company included manager of Public Relations Dept., 1930-36; Treasury Dept., 1936-48, and in February, 1948, he was named assistant to the president.

Barker is given credit for having contributed greatly to the successful foundation of Shell Oil Company in St. Louis. When the main office moved its headquarters to New York in 1940, Mr. Barker went along as manager of Tax and Claims.

Youngest in class

MR. Barker was the youngest in his class when he graduated on June 3, 1908. He was only 17 on May 18, the month before his graduation.

During his undergraduate days he played on the Auburn track and football teams, and was active in numerous student activities. Among the clubs of which he was president was the "Hobo" Club.

The Auburn Alumni Association

BIRTHS: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Emil R. Hargett (nee Louis Cherry, '50), of Auburn, July 28 . . . A daughter, Burney Hay, to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Allen Gardner, Jr., '47, (nee Burney Hay, '46), in Alberta, Ga. . . . A daughter, Pamela Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton O. Lawrence, Jr., '48, (nee Evelyn Beall, '46), of Birmingham. The Lawrences also have a son, William Carlton, age three . . . A son, Charles Luther, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bogue (nee Tays Tarvin), in Los Angeles, Calif. The Bogues also have a daughter, Betsy . . . A son, John Murdoch, IV, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harbert, III, in Birmingham . . . A son, Benjamin Aaron, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Ash, of Birmingham . . . A son to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duke of Montgomery, July 12.

MARRIAGES: LaVerne Sims, Renfro, Ala., to L. Weaver Allen, Chicago, August 15 at the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Birmingham.

James J. Franklin, former assistant professor of horticulture at API, has been appointed executive assistant to the director by the trustees of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Mr. Franklin served on the faculty at Auburn for five years . . . Arthur H. Coker, Jr. assumed his duties as principal of Coosa County High School at Rockford, Ala., on July 1. . . . John Franklin Todd is living in Pasadena, Calif., where he is assistant manager of the Los Angeles Group Office of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. The Todds have two children—a son, Armor, and a daughter, Candisane.

1948

BIRTHS: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Byrd Montgomery, May 12 . . . A son, Fred Sheppard III, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Jones, Jr., Birmingham, April 24 . . . A daughter, Janet Clair, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jehle, Montgomery, April 29 . . . A daughter, Jane Claire, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laseter, Jr., Montgomery, April 21 . . . A son, Douglas Austin, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Edwards, Dallas, Texas, March 14. Mr. Edwards is employed as service manager, General Electric Co., Dallas District . . . A son, Joe Early, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lawless, Bessemer, March 27 . . . A son, Jerry Wayne, to Lt. and Mrs. H. C. Watkins, Auburn, April 10 . . . A son, Richard Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Teague, Opelika, April 4 . . . A daughter, Terry, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Martin, Elba, Ala., March 25 . . . A son, Luther Johnson III, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Strange, Jr., Birmingham, March 1 . . . A son, Kenneth Neal, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whetstone, Montgomery, March 1.

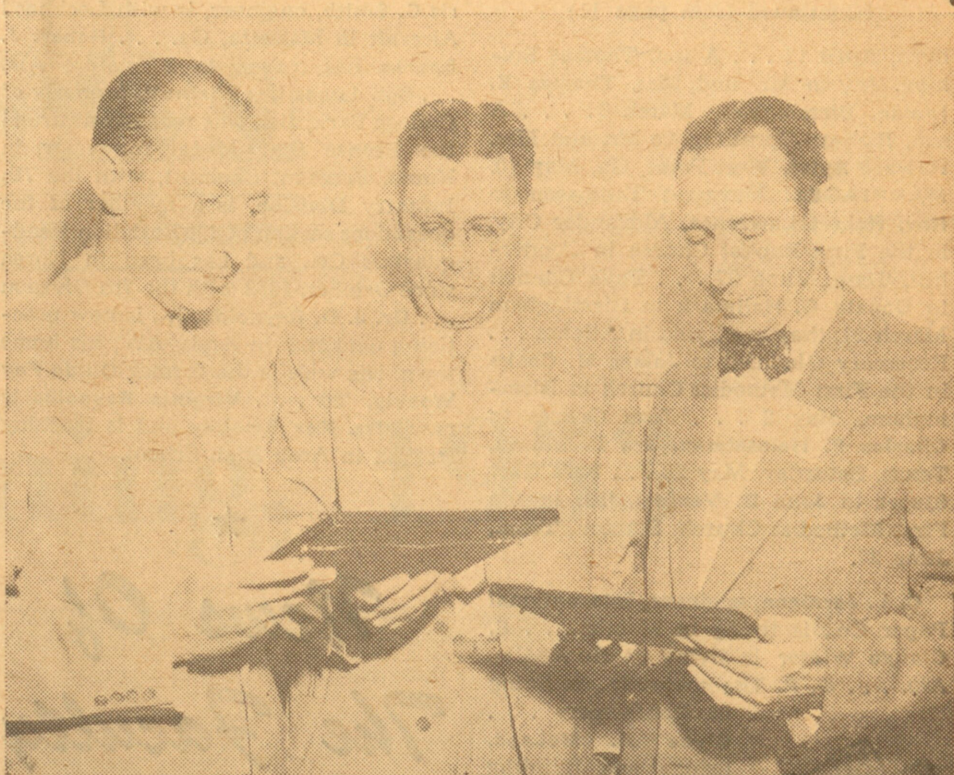
Furnie O. Dickerson is with Monsanto Chemical Co. in Anniston, Ala. . . . Richard W. Compton, Montgomery, was recently named vice-president of the Alabama Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . L. H. Davis is new vocational agriculture teacher and chapter advisor for the FFA at Lee County High School in Auburn; Mr. Davis came to Auburn from Moulton, and he previously taught at Lexington High School . . . Mr. and



While working in St. Louis, Mr. Barker served well many civic organizations. He was president, in 1936, of the St. Louis Safety Council, vice-president of the St. Louis Ad Club, and a member of the Board of Governors, Missouri Athletic Club for two terms of three years each.

BARKER was first chairman of the Missouri Petroleum Industries Committee of the American Petroleum Institute, from 1932 to 1938, and is a past president of the Tax Institute, Inc.

His outstanding accomplishments were recognized in 1950-51, when he was named in that year's listing of "Who's Who In America."



HARRY S. Gilmore, Jr., '35, (center) presents awards for "outstanding contributions in agriculture" to two API staff members, Ben T. Lanham, Jr.,

(left) agricultural economist, and Foy Helms, '32, also an economist with the API Agricultural Extension Service. The awards were made by State Bankers.

Auburn's Helms, Lanham

Honored By Bankers

AT THE recent annual meeting of the Alabama Bankers Association in Mobile, two staff members of API were recognized and honored for their contributions to the work of the association and its committee on agriculture.

Ben T. Lanham, Jr., Agricultural Economist, API Agricultural Experiment Station, and Foy Helms, '32, Agricultural Economist, API Agricultural Extension Service, were presented by the bankers of the State of Alabama plaques "in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of agricultural credit in Alabama."

The awards were made by the Alabama Bankers Association and were presented by Harry S. Gilmore, Jr., '35, chairman of the Association's Committee on Agriculture and assistant vice-president of the First National Bank in Montgomery.

Banks sponsored work

WORK for which the awards were made was sponsored cooperatively by the Agricultural Committee of the Alabama Bankers Association, the Birmingham Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Basis for the work was a need and desire on the part of Alabama bankers for basic information and a better understanding of needed farm adjustments in the State, the capital and credit needs for such adjustments, and the problems of financing needed adjustments.



Mrs. Royal R. Glasscock are living in Birmingham . . . John H. Rew has moved to Autaugaville, Ala. . . . Ruth Trammell Faulk is now living at Five Points, Ala. . . . John L. Howard, accountant, Folmar and Firm, is living in Montgomery . . . Frank E. Boyd, Jr., is employed in Birmingham . . . Samuel L. Canerday is now living in Florence, Ala. . . . Sam P. Sockwell, farmer, has his home in Huntsville, Ala. . . . Maurice Mason is living at Crichton Station in Mobile . . . Austin C. Higgins is with Thiokol Corp., Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Ala. . . . Lynn S. Blake, Jr., is now living in Birmingham . . . Dr.

The Agricultural Committee of the Alabama Bankers Association undertook through a cooperative arrangement with other sponsoring agencies to organize a series of farm credit clinics to accomplish these objectives. These clinics, which were held in different areas of the State, extended over a period of three years, with one phase of work being conducted each year and each phase leading to the next.

The work was approved for initiation by representatives of the sponsoring agencies. These included: Harry S. Gilmore, Jr., '35, Alabama Bankers Association, John L. Liles, Jr., '36, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Dr. E. V. Smith, '28, Director of the API Agricultural Experiment Station, and P. O. Davis, '16, Director of the API Agricultural Extension Service.

API personnel were largely responsible for program development and for presentation of technical information at all clinics throughout the three-year series of meetings. Banker attendance and participation in individual programs indicated their keen interests in programs of this type. Their recognition and expression of appreciation for the services and contributions of API staff members at their Mobile convention evidences the value they placed on programs of this type.



Loyce W. Turner, formerly of Valdosta, Ga., has been sent to Germany with the Veterinary Corps of the Army . . . R. M. Brown is living in Troy, Ala. . . . Frank S. Keeler, Jr., and Daniel B. Keeler are residing in Spring Hill, Ala.

1949

BIRTHS: A son, Wallace McGehee, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Sadler, (nee Ellen Whately), Tuskegee, Ala., March 28 . . . A son, Nolen Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Goodwin, Miami, Fla., April 7 . . . A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Reid, Montgomery, April 27 . . . A son, Willie Jones, III, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Rucker, Jr., New Orleans, March 14 . . . A daughter, Rita Rebecca, to Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Furr, Hattiesburg, Miss., April 14 . . . A son to Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Guyton, Greenville, Miss., April 4 . . . A daughter, Rose Frances McLeod, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wischkaemper, Au-

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burn, April 12 . . . A son, Thomas Erskine, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Inman, Birmingham, March 31 . . . A son, Richard Spratling, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Syler, West Point, Ga. May 10. **MARRIAGES:** Margaret Thomason to Rev. Robert Lawrence, Alexander City, in the First Baptist Church in Copperhill, Tenn., June 27 . . . Faye Connell to Donald G. Hallmark in Birmingham March 21; they are living in Atlanta . . . Rosemary Gladdick to James M. Cooke in the First Methodist Church in Birmingham, May 2 . . . Jean Graves to Charles F. Heinselman, Jr., Dickinson, Texas, Saturday, May 23 . . . Sara Neal Stuart to John B. Venters, '53, in the First Methodist Church, Stanton, Tenn., June 27.

C. L. Jernigan, engineer, International Paper Co., is living in Mobile . . . E. Claude Winter is living in Huntsville, Ala. . . . O. P. Thompson, Jr., is living



in Montgomery . . . Clyde A. McLeod, bridge and building supervisor, has his home in York, Ala. . . . Walter R. Bullock, Jr., is residing in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie B. Vinson (nee Marie Nunnelle, '45), are living in Birmingham, where Mr. Vinson is general manager, Dexter Pest Control and Service, Inc. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Mr. Vinson worked there for a year as research associate. The recent March 7 issue of *Newsweek* reported the outstanding research conducted there on DDT resistance in flies . . . Henry G. Norrell has moved to Centre, Ala. . . . Cecil C. Smelcer is now principal of Enterprise Junior High School in Chilton County . . . Beulah Marie Hawks Thomas resides at Opp, Ala. Norman A. Nicolson has his home in Spring Hill, Ala. . . . James W. Moore, Jr., is living in Mobile, Ala. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Kranert (nee Julie Browder, '47), have their home at Huntsville, Ala. . . . Clarence B. Kirby has been named process engineer with the Chemstrand Corp., in Decatur, Ala.; Mr. Kirby will work in the spinning operations . . . Robert J. Ingram, Jr., is living in Spring Hill, Ala. . . . Elizabeth Thornton is teaching in Hanceville High School, Hanceville, Ala. . . . Rev. Roy M. Timberlake is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wilmer, Ala. . . . James B. Todd is field agent for Farm Industries, division of Quaker Oats Co., located at Decatur and Cullman, Ala.; Mr. Todd is living in Cullman . . . Walter A. Brand, Jr. is living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Franklin, '46



Montgomery, '49

. . . Lt. Lawrence J. Montgomery, Jr., Atlanta, recently received his commission as a second lieutenant following graduation from the 26-week Engineer Officers Candidate School at the Army's Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. Before entering the Army a year ago, Lt. Montgomery was with the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. of Marietta, Ga.

1951

James H. Spinks is with the Army, Signal Corps, serving in Asmara, Eritrea, East Africa . . . Charles W. Schreiner, Jr. is an electronics engineer at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. . . . George C. Schafner is with TCI, stationery dept., in Birmingham . . . Lewis J. Smith is field engineer with Hazeltine Electronics Corp. in New York . . . Mur-

ris C. Smith, engineer, is with Lockheed Aircraft in Marietta, Ga. . . . Robert J. Sparks has moved to Flomaton, Ala. . . . Sgt. James Lee Shelnutt, formerly of College Park, Ga., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor in Korea. Sergeant Shelnutt, with the 7th Infantry Division, is a member of the operations section of 1st Battalion Headquarters Co., and has been in Korea since October, 1952 with the 7th Division . . . Dr. J. D. Reynolds, Jr., is now practicing dentistry in Arab, Ala., his home town. His wife is the former Ouida Fay Weekly, '50 . . . Virginia Reynolds is now Mrs. Rex Smalley and is teaching English in Arab High School.



News Of The Faculty

KENNETH C. KNIGHT has been named assistant to the director of libraries at API. A native of Illinois, he holds the B.S. degree from Knox College, and a B.S.L.S. and M.S.L.S. from the Library School of the University of Illinois. His experience has been in the Lansing, Michigan, Public Library and in the Natural History Library at the Univer-



Kenneth C. Knight

sity of Illinois . . . Auburn Extension Forester I. R. Martin was recently elected chairman of the Alabama Forestry Council. Composed of representatives of wood industries and forestry agencies throughout the state, the council meets twice each year to formulate effective, cooperative ways to promote Alabama's forestry program . . . Ann Barr recently participated in 4-H Club County Camps in Talladega and St. Clair Counties . . . W. B. DeVall in August visited the Herty Foundation, Savannah, Georgia, to confer on research studies in wood chemistry . . . Dr. M. C. Huntley, dean of faculties, recently presented Christian Stapel, of Denmark, a certificate for having completed a three-week pest control short course at API. Stapel is chief of information division, Plant Pathological Laboratory, Denmark, who took the course under the sponsorship of the Mutual Security Agency in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and land-grant colleges . . . V. S. Summerlin, member of the Board of Trustees, was recently appointed high priest of the Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99, Royal Arch Masons at Luverne . . . Dr. Fred Allison, who retired as dean of the Graduate School and head of the physics department on July 1, has accepted an invitation to join the faculty of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, as Chairman of the Science Division. His retirement at API was in compliance with the State retirement law. His new appointment will become effective this month. Doctor Allison's new ap-



John E. Howell, '19

JOHN E. HOWELL, '19, is now vice-president, in charge of Oil and Gas production, Exploration and Pipelines, and Director, Lion Oil Company, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Mr. Howell's appointment to his present position came in 1952. He was then vice-president in charge of Oil Production and Pipelines, and Director, Lion Oil Company.

Advanced rapidly

SINCE he graduated from Auburn in 1919 with a degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Howell has advanced rapidly until today he is highly respected in his field.

Born Sept. 13, 1898, in Ozark, Alabama, he was educated there, and in 1918-19, he served as a second lieutenant in the Army. After graduation from API, he went as junior engineer to Empire Gas and Fuel Company in Bartlesville, Okla.

In 1921 he was made superintendent of production of Empire Company in Bartlesville, and in 1923 he became division superintendent, Oil Production, Empire Companies, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Moved up again

TWO YEARS later, 1925, Mr. Howell was named assistant general superintendent, Oil Production, Empire Companies, in Bartlesville, and in 1932 he took over as General Production Superintendent.

It was in 1937 that he was named vice-president and director, Lion Oil



pointment means a return home for the noted physicist and his wife, who were both born and reared a few miles from the old Virginia college. He served on the college staff before coming to Auburn . . . Grants-in-aid were awarded eight members of the API faculty July 1. Those eight were Dr. Carl Benson, English, for a "Study of Cross Currents of Literary Theory and Criticism in America, 1910-25;" Dr. Dean Boyd Richards, forestry, "The Chemical Changes in Wood with Advancing Decay;" A. S. Chase, civil engineering, "Design and Construction of Circular Track for Highway Sub-grade Studies;" R. T. Collins, economics, "Federal Taxation of Insurance Companies;" Dr. J. E. Kendrick, history, "Woodrow Wilson and Alabama Politics, 1913-15;" H. H. Mitchell, economics, "The Development of Commercial Banking in North Carolina Since 1865;" Dr. A. W. Reynolds, '12, history, "Alabama Opinion on Causes of the Spanish-American War," and Waltby Sykes, art, "Experimental Work in Intaglio Printing, Phase I."

Company, El Dorado, Arkansas, the position he held until his most recent advancement.

Mr. Howell holds membership in American Petroleum Institute, Twenty-five Year Club of the American Petroleum Institute, Pipeliners Club of the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

A Mason and a Shriner, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and is a director of both Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn. and Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn.



James E. Shotts, '17

RECENTLY featured in the July issue of *Varo Memo*, newspaper published by the Veterans Administration Regional Office of Montgomery, was James E. Shotts, rating specialist, legal adjudication division.

Having completed over 30 years of service in the local Veterans Administration office, Mr. Shotts plans to retire this fall and move to Jasper, Ala., where he will make his home.

Born at Shottsville, Marion County, Alabama, he was graduated from the Secondary Agricultural School at Hamilton, Ala. He received his BS degree from API in 1917, and later was awarded his LLB degree from the Birmingham Law School at which time he was admitted to the Alabama Bar.

AS A Reserve Officer, he completed 49 Army correspondence courses, amounting to over 1,000 scholastic hours. During World War I, he attended Toulouse University, Toulouse, France, and during WWII he went to Military Government School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Mr. Shotts served in WWI with the 31st Division of Alabama as an enlisted man, and was soon after commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army Reserve Corps. By the beginning of WWII he had obtained the rank of Major. He entered on extended active duty, WWII, in November, 1940, and during this period was promoted to Lt. Colonel and Colonel.

He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service as Director of Supply and Services for his superior performance of duty, initiative and devotion to duty. He also served in the occupation of Korea. Since WWII he continued as Commanding Officer of one of the major Reserve Units of Montgomery until his recent retirement as Colonel of the Reserve Corps.

MR. SHOTTS is married to the former Lillie Steadman, and they have two daughters, and one son. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the American Legion, VFW, Alabama Historical Society, the Sons of the Confederacy, Sons of the American Revolution, the Reserve Officers' Association of the United States, and the National Federation of Federal Employees.

He has served many times as president of the local NFFE, and has been a delegate to the National Convention.